

NWS CHANGE FORM PART A - COVER SHEET			1A. DATE SUBMITTED November 19, 2003	
			1B. DATE RECEIVED	
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6. SYSTEMS AFFECTED BY CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> DATA PRODUCTS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> ASOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AWIPS <input type="checkbox"/> NEXRAD <input type="checkbox"/> RRS <input type="checkbox"/> CRS			7. WSH TRACKING NUMBER	7A. REV LEVEL
8. TITLE OF CHANGE Draft: Add a Full Set of GFS 211 Grids to SBN/NOAAPORT			9. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT IDENTIFIER	
10. CATEGORY OF CHANGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> PECP <input type="checkbox"/> ECP		11. CLASS OF CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS I <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS II		
12. TYPE OF CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> DOCUMENTATION ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> HARDWARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOFTWARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DATA				
13. SITES AFFECTED All sites				
14. STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT, PROBLEM, OR DEFICIENCY OF EXISTING SYSTEM The AWIPS Program has a requirement to implement "Full" support for NCEP's Global Forecast System (GFS) model grids, augmenting the current suite of GFS grids available to AWIPS sites (see DRG RC 665 for a description of other recent additions to the GFS AWIPS suite). This RC covers the CONUS (Grid 211) grids only. This full set of GFS grids will be allocated within AWIPS OB4.				
15. KNOWN OR PROPOSED SOLUTION				

The additional GFS grid data should be added to the SBN and made available to AWIPS sites. The new GFS grids should follow the same general dissemination pathway as the existing GFS grids:

NCEP → NWS TG → AWIPS NCF → SBN(TG chan) → AWIPS & NOAAPORT Users.

Specifications for new GFS grids:

1. CONUS: Grid 211 (80 km.)

2. PARAMETERS

There are twenty-eight new parameters (Levels):

Vertical Velocity (29)	Snow Cover
Mean Sea Level Pressure (MSLP)	Best Lifted Index (3)
MSLP (Eta Reduction)	Visibility
Convective Precip	Max. Wind Level Pressure
Lifted Index (3)	Max. Wind Level u-Wind
Precipitable Water	Max. Wind Level v-Wind
Tropopause Pressure	Freezing Level Height
Tropopause u-Wind	Freezing Level Rel. Humidity
Tropopause v-Wind	Potential Vorticity (4)
Surface Pressure	Potential Temp on Pot. Vort. (4)
Mean Relative Humidity	u-winds on Pot. Vort. (4)
Accumulated Precip	v-winds on Pot. Vort. (4)
Precipitation Type	u-wind gust
Cloud Base Pressure	v-wind gust

3. LEVELS

For the twenty-two new parameters:

Vertical Velocity - 29 levels:

21 Levels in 25 mb steps: 1000, 975, 950, 925, 900, 875, 850, 825, 800, 775, 750, 725, 700, 675, 650, 625, 600, 575, 550, 525, and 500 mb.

8 Levels in 50 mb steps: 450, 400, 350, 300, 250, 200, 150, and 100 mb.

Lifted Index (LI) and Best LI - 3 levels

Surface, 2 BL (sigma layers): 0-90 and 90-180 mb AGL (above the surface)

Potential Vorticity, Temp., and u,v winds: 4 Levels: 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0 PVU surfaces

All other parameters: 1 Level

4. FORECAST INTERVALS

AWIPS will continue to get GFS grids (at six hour intervals) out to 240 hours for the 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z model runs **[but possibly only out to 168 hours for the 06Z and 18Z model runs]**, giving 41 total "valid times":

00, 06, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 96, 102, 108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156, 162, 168, 174, 180, 186, 192, 198, 204, 210, 216, 222, 228, 234, and 240

Units are hours from model initialization time.

5. The GFS model is distributed four times daily, corresponding to the following initializations: 00, 06, 12 & 18 UTC.

6. An estimated increase (over IFPS) of 88.0 Mbytes/day is expected on the SBN/TG channel, given:

a. Size of each new 211 (CONUS) grid is 7349 bytes (based on mean size of its 5225 grids);

b. 73 total new grids per forecast interval:

Vert. Vel(29), LI(3), BLI(3), Port Vort(4), P.T(4), P.u(4),v(4), other 22 parms (1)

c. 164 total forecast intervals: 41 intervals at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC

The NWS TG shall provide these products in very-near-real time to the AWIPS NCF for uplink on the SBN's TG channel.

16. ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS

None.

17. REQUIRED
CHANGE DATE
TBD

18. RATIONALE FOR REQUIRED CHANGE DATE
This product has been allocated to
AWIPS OB4, which is scheduled to
commence deployment in August 2004.

19. PRIORITY



ROUTINE



URGENT



EMERGENCY

DRG/CCB/PMC/CMB DECISION			
20. DECISION AUTHORITY LEVEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAST TRACK	<input type="checkbox"/> CCB LEVEL ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> PMC or NWS CMB DECISION REQUIRED
21. CCB LEVEL DECISION	<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED
	<input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND APPROVAL	
SIGNATURE			
DATE SIGNED			
FOR USE ONLY WHEN PMC or NWS CMB DECISION REQUIRED			
22. PMC OR NWS CMB DECISION	<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED
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NWS CHANGE FORM PART A - DATA PRODUCTS SUPPLEMENT													1. ORIGINATOR TRACKING NUMBER		
This information is required for Data Products submissions.													2. WSH TRACKING NUMBER	2A. REV LEVEL	
3. NODE ID	4. AWIPS ID NNNXXX		5. WMO HEADER			6. ADD REV DEL	7. SEAS Y/N	8. CHAR PER MSG		9. FREQUENCY		10. NWSTG DISTR		NWS ONLY	
														11. PRIME UPLINK	12. B/U UPLINK
Notes: The WMO header assignment notes, below, refer to the generic header template: T ₁ T ₂ A _i A ₂ ii.															
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FOR METAR CHANGES ONLY								17. INTERNAL NWS USE ONLY		18. PRODUCT SOURCE		19. AWIPS DATA TYPE			
13. COMMS ID	14. N. LATITUDE			15. W. LONGITUDE			16. ELEV (M)								
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	S E									
								20. NOTIFICATION		A. CHANGE NOTICE NUMBER	B. EFFECTIVE DATE	C. ISSUE DATE			
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